

Casey KOA Newsletter

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Remember.
It's not camping.
It's **kamping**™

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New At Casey KOA

Glenn & Cathy Klinkman

Casey KOA Owners

We made even greater improvements to the campground, which include upgrades to more site electrical hookups and changes to water hookup locations. We now have twelve more upgraded Back-in sites along the lake (6 sites with 50amp service and 6 sites with new 30amp service). This was accomplished with the installation of a new power transformer that was installed last fall. Each of these sites also had the water supply lines replaced and connections are now near the back of the site improving camper connection ability and reducing hazards while backing into the site. Other improvements include: a new culvert under the driveway at the entry of the park to improve drainage, clearing of underbrush at the back of the park, 20 new tables to replace old ones, relocation of the trash dumpster and repainting of the swing-set. We hope to continue the traditional Horse drawn Hayrides throughout 2009 and tractor drawn hayrides where horse drawn hayrides may be unavailable. The movie projection system for the pavilion was a great hit last year and we plan to show Movies again this year. Check with the office staff for the scheduled movies and times. Let your movie choices be known at the front desk and we will see what we can do.



Come Camp & Care with US - Free Camping Night

Free camping at the Casey KOA

Glenn & Cathy Klinkman

Casey KOA Owner

Spending enough quality time with your family and friends? At the Casey KOA Kampground, we know how much you value that time. That's why we want to invite you to stay at our campground for **FREE** the night of Saturday, May 9th, for the fifth annual Come Camp With Us Day. Your KOA stay can begin on any day prior to May 9th, but May 9th must be included in the reservation. Come Camp With US - **FREE** CAMPING NIGHT is set for May 9th. ■

Internet Access



Turn on your wireless computer and connect to the Internet. Trees, campers, buildings and the distance to our antenna may affect the strength and speed of your wireless signal.

The 2009 Kamping Season

Cathy Klinkman

Casey KOA Owner

Another spring has arrived and we are working to be ready for your 2009 kamping season.

Let's have another **GREAT DAY at the Casey KOA.**

#1 FOR GREAT PEOPLE GREAT CAMPING

Casey KOA is a great place for weekend getaways, vacations, group outings, and family reunions. We have pull-through and back in sites. Kamping Kabins are very popular so to make sure your vacation is everything you expect, make your reservations in advance. Remember to bring your own bedding when staying in our Kamping Kabins. For your convenience the Kabins are equipped with air conditioning, heaters (if needed), a double bed, bunk beds, a fire grill, and a place to park your car. Sorry, No Pets when renting Cabins.

We keep our Kamp Store stocked with camping items to help make your camping experience more comfortable. Stop in and shop around. If you don't see what you need, please ask and we will do our best to help.

For your Motor homes, Travel Trailers and 5th Wheels, make your reservations early to get the kind of site or location you most want.

Awards: We are pleased to announce that the campground has won its Sixth "Presidents Award". We received our Third "Founders Award" in 2008. The Founder's Award is given to KOA Kampground owners and managers who provide a high level of customer service and for effectively meeting their guest's expectations. This award is determined solely by campers' feedback through annual surveys.

We thank ALL our customers for your continued support.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Below are the dates of campground activities and Local area events. Click on a [website link](#) to learn more about that local area event.

COME CAMP & CARE WITH US - FREE CAMPING

May 9TH

A **FREE** day of kamping is a great opportunity to get your RV or tent ready for more summer kamping. If you haven't experienced the joys of kamping, come on out and give it a try on May 9TH - **absolutely free**, with no strings attached. Your KOA stay can begin on any day prior to May 9th, but May 9th must be included in the reservation.

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

MAY 22ND TO MAY 25TH

Bingo on Friday night. Saturday morning is sausage gravy and biscuits for \$1.75 per biscuit (We furnish plates and silverware). Saturday night is a potluck supper - campers bring food to share (We furnish tea and lemonade). Also, Saturday night there is a hayride. Following the hayride we have an ice-cream social for only \$2.25 a bowl (all you can eat). Sunday morning there is a pancake breakfast - watch Klumsy (Glenn) Klinkman make your pancakes. Pancakes, coffee and juice for only \$1.75 all you can eat (We provide the tableware).

CLARK COUNTY FAIR IN MARSHALL

June 7TH to June 14TH

Featuring horseracing, carnival, demolition derby, and tractor and horse-pulls. http://www.clarkcountyil.org/fair_board.htm

A NATIONAL ROAD SPRING FESTIVAL

JUNE 12TH THRU JUNE 14TH

It starts in Marshall and ends in East St. Louis. For more details call National Road Association of Illinois at (217) 849-3188.

BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL IN CASEY

JUNE 26^{5TH} TO JUNE 28TH

INDEPENDENCE DAY - 4TH OF JULY

JULY 3RD TO JULY 5TH

The 4th of July falls on a Saturday this year, be sure to make your reservations for the days you want to camp. There will be a potluck dinner Saturday night July 4TH. (Campers bring food to share). We furnish tea and lemonade. Don't forget that the town of Casey has a 4th of July Parade and fireworks display. We have a Hayride Saturday evening. Sausage gravy and biscuits Saturday morning and pancakes on Sunday morning. Why not make this holiday weekend a mini vacation by adding a few extra days

BAGEL FEST

July 16TH thru July 18TH

Worlds biggest Bagel Breakfast Sat.8am-noon in Mattoon, IL. This event also includes Crafts and major entertainment.

KIDS FREE WEEKEND

August 7TH to August 9TH

Stay two nights, Friday and Saturday, and the kids (ages 17 and under) stay free. There will be fun and games for all.

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

September 4TH to September 7TH

This is the weekend that Casey, IL has its Annual Popcorn Festival (entertainment of all kinds for all ages - carnival, crafts, food booth, chainsaw carver, etc.) There will be a potluck supper Saturday night - campers bring food to share. We furnish tea, and lemonade.

HALLOWEEN WEEKEND

October 9TH to October 11TH

Come have some Halloween fun by decorating your site for judging. Kids can dress-up and go from site to site and trick-or-treat in the late afternoon. Bring candy to give out to the kids. We'll have a Hayride Saturday afternoon before dark.

Congrats to the Halloween decorating winners last year (2008):

1st Place: The Bell Family from Riley, Indiana

2nd Place: The Faith Family from St. Charles, Missouri

COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 9TH TO OCTOBER 18TH

Think about staying at the Casey KOA if you are going to the Covered Bridge Festival. It runs from Friday October 12th thru Sunday October 21ST. ❖



Don't forget to renew, the world's ONLY camping loyalty program!

Get additional details on KOA VALUE KARDS and VALUE KARD REWARDS at:
<http://www.koa.com/valuekard/vkrewards.htm>

- Or -

Value Cards and further details are available at our registration desk.

Technician's Corner - *Camper Maintenance Tips*

Ron Norris

Casey KOA Camper Technician

Routine camper Maintenance can prevent problems and save money by preventing breakdowns of your equipment. The following are tips from our Camper technician:

AIR CONDITIONER FILTER

Every Air Conditioner has a filter to prevent dust and dirt from getting inside the unit cooling coils, which keeps clean air moving throughout your camper and delivers the best possible cooling. Check and clean your A/C filter each time you take your camper out, or more frequently depending on the amount of use.

SEWER TANKS & HOSES

Properly assembled and maintained sewer hoses can keep you from having problems with emptying your black & grey water tanks. Using hoses, which have holes, missing fittings or loose connections can cause a considerable mess when draining your tanks. Campers will often leave their drain valves open when at a sewer campsite which can lead to sewer smells in and around the camper. Keep your valves closed, even if you keep your hose connected to the campground drain. Your tanks need water to be in them to keep the solids (waste materials) from becoming a sludge that can build up in the tanks and which can reduce capacity or cause significant plugging and odor problems. When camping for long periods of time, water should be allowed to accumulate in the tanks for a few days before draining to help flush the particulate from the tanks. Always drain the Black waste tank first, followed by the gray water tank to help flush the sewer hose or particles. Use of a tank deodorant and waste emulsifier are recommended.

CAMPER WATER SUPPLY

Most campers have both an onboard tank for fresh water and an external connection for a city water supply when facility connections are available.

City Water: Your city water supply valve should always be turned off when you leave your camper for the day to prevent possible bursting of your hose resulting in flooding your campsite and other possible water damage.

Onboard Freshwater Tank: Campers with onboard are usually used when an external source is not always available (Dry Camping). These tanks should be flushed and sanitized before each camping season to ensure clean safe water for use. You should keep about only 5 gallons of fresh water in the tank during traveling for toilet or other uses on the road. A full 50-gallon tank will add over 400 pounds of weight to you camper, which could further reduce your fuel mileage on the road.

TAKE PROPER CARE OF YOUR CAMPER AND IT WILL GIVE YOU MANY SEASONS OF CAMPING FUN & ENJOYMENT FOR YOUR FAMILY.

TV RECEPTION (2009) Update !!

June 12th of this year marks the change from Analog TV to Digital TV. Casey KOA does not have the capability of providing Cable TV to it's customers and because of the considerable number of trees at our campground, satellite reception can be difficult, if not impossible at most campsites. Campers must have either a television with a built in digital tuner or a converter box in order to receive local television channels on your older style analog TV. A separate converter is needed for each TV.

Get details about what you will need for your camper TV system from your qualified camper technician.

You can also visit <http://www.dtvtransition.org/> for further information.

Watch Those Amps

Glenn Klinkman

Casey KOA Owner

During the hot summer months of July, August and September, the use of your air conditioner becomes a large part of the power being used by your camper. Keep this in mind when using your air conditioner along with other electrical appliances while camping. Sometimes switching your Hot Water Heater from Electric to Gas can keep you below the Campground connection limit. Here are other items and their typical amperage to help you stay comfortably operating and safe:

Electrical		Electrical	
Appliance	Amps	Appliance	Amps
Computer - (Laptop)	2 -3	Power Converter	1 - 5
Crock Pot	1 - 2	Air Conditioner	12 -16
Coffee Maker	5 - 8	Hair Dryer	5 -12
Water Heater	9 -13	Refrigerator	5 - 8
Elec. Fry Pan	6 -12	TV	1.5 -4
Microwave	8 -13	Hand Vacuum	2 - 6
VCR/DVD Player	1- 2	Stereo	1 - 3

Don't forget to include items not listed above by checking the appliance for the amps or wattage needed to operate that appliance which is normally shown on the item or adapter.

If you have additional questions about your amps and power usage, contact the office for assistance, where possible.

We constantly work to keep our connections working properly and are continuing the process of replacing and upgrading our services. ♣

Casey KOA Kamp Store

Cathy Klinkman

Casey KOA Owner

The Kamp Store is uniquely complete. Food, snacks, toys, souvenirs, T-shirts, camping supplies, firewood, ice, soft drinks, ice cream, party lights and a full line of RV parts and accessories. Some examples of the items we sell and service are Air conditioners, awnings and refrigerators. We also sell and install hitches and brake controls.

For the Kids

Cathy Klinkman

Casey KOA Owner

Children can have a Great time at our campground. We have a Game Room with a pinball machine, Video Arcade games, pool table, ping-pong table, board games and more.

We also have a Basketball court, and a Play area that includes swings, a play tunnel and a mock paddleboat.

Rowboats are available for use on our lake (for a fee).

Fishing is available for everyone at the Lake. No license is required and you can keep your catch. Worms are available at the Kamp Store.

Our Swimming Pool opens by around Memorial Day and is a great place to cool down and enjoy those hot summer days and a great place for the kids to play. (*Children under the age of 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult at all times.*) ☆

Camper and RV Storage

Glenn & Cathy Klinkman

Casey KOA Owners

We offer a place to store your RV. Camper and RV storage will be from November 1st to April 1st. The rate for storage will be \$25/month to be paid in advance. Camper storage at times other than these will be \$40/month for a part or all of the month. See us at the office for details. ☑

Camper Sales Department

Glenn Klinkman

Casey KOA Owner

Our Sales Department hours are Monday thru Friday from 8AM to 5PM and Saturday and Sunday from 10AM to 4PM. Casey KOA is featuring **Sunnybrook** Trailers and Fifth wheels. Stop into the Kamp store for information on the **Sunnybrook** models and sizes available and that might fit your needs and ask to tour the available RV units. We may also have some used Recreational Vehicles available for sale, if you are interested.

Camper Service Department

Ron Norris

Casey KOA Camper Technician

Our Service Department hours are 8AM to 5PM Monday thru Friday, and Saturday by appointment. Service is available year around and includes items such as:

- Brake repairs and service
- Fifth Wheel Hitch installation
- Water heater replacement
- Refrigerator repair or replacement
- Electrical system repairs
- Plumbing repairs
- Winterizing
- Air conditioners
- ...and many other RV related repairs and installations.

See us for your RV Service needs or ask for a **Free** estimate. ✨

Special Thanks To:

Carol & Darrell Culler for all the hard work preparing and serving the "Stone Soup" and Bean soup.

Doborella Puritt for doing the Crafts on Kids Free weekend.

Doborella & Kathy Schilson for Halloween activities.

Roger and Lisa Freise for the new Flowers in the Flower Bed at the Campground road entrance.

Roger Freise for painting the Kampground Swing set.

CONTACT US Toll Free - (800) 562-9113

For online reservations → <https://koa.com/where/il/13118/reserve/>